

# Counterpoise

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El Cajon ARC  
and SANDARC  
up at HRO Swapmeet  
Did you get your  
Convention Ticket

Next Meeting  
Speaker: Mike, N6OPH  
Topic: "2010 Convention"

September Meeting!!!  
Gordon West , WB6NOA  
VHF - UHF Tropo Ducting to Hawaii

## 2010 Officers

President	KC6QLS	Paul Rios	593-9445
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## From The President

Paul KC6QLS



First, I would like to thank Virgil, K7VP for that awesome Soldering class. I believe we need a lot more programs like this. As I have said in the past, we have a wealth of knowledge in the club, and we need to pass it on to the next generation.

As I sat down to write the President's Column, a song filled my headphones that hit home and may help all of us to heal from all the negative and flaming posting on the now unofficial reflector. The song is entitled "*Stronger than Steel*" by the 80's group *Berlin* and yes they are still around. The opening lyrics are, "*So many years you have been the Sun, Stronger than steel, Forever shining on me and everyone*". That hit me as I have been part of the light of the Sun "The Board" guiding you down the path of everything we all have been though. Most of the Board Members have been member for a long time and too have a wealth of knowledge. The lyrics, "*Forever shining on me and everyone*" are all the Board and Executive Board Members, past and present, who set up the By Laws for a reason and should not be taken for granted nor should they be taken lightly. The lyrics "*Stronger than steel*" is the glue that we all share. If you start to pick at it, then things will start to fall apart. Later in the song the lyrics, "*One day you may need a light from me, When you need someone to lean on*". I have been there for the club even when my health has been bad. Even as I write this, my eyes are hurting, and I have another laser sugary scheduled for the next day. That is how devoted I and the members of my family are to this club. We will continue to be part of the "Sun" and shine the light down the path. The club has grown; club membership is up; we are promoting Amateur Radio; and we are Radio Active by volunteering in our local community. We have done so much, but there is even more Amateur Radio can do for our community. I would like for all members to shine the right spotlight on the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon.

# Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon

General Meeting Meeting  
8 July 2010



The General Membership Meeting of the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon was called to order by the Club President Paul, KC6QLS at 7:10 p.m. After the Pledge of Allegiance, everyone was welcomed.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT** Motion to approve the Minutes as printed in the Counterpoise and posted online on 7-7-10 by Mike, N6OPH, seconded by Dave Ward and motion carried.

Our club repeater expert, John, joined us tonight to speak about the repeaters. Specifically, the 220 repeater does not have a schematic, is difficult to work on due to the layout, and it was already rebuilt after the fires. One of the problems we have is that we have a lot of nets which generates a lot of heat which is hard on the equipment. John stated he had already spoken with Paul and suggested to the President that the club get a newer 220 repeater but this would be put on hold until after Field Day. The advantage of a new 220 repeater is that it would have a book, schematic, etc., and Bob Boehme would be the one to give a price quote. The 440 UHF has an issue and the experts must trouble shoot the problem; the good thing is that it is a commercial radio and has a schematic so they can check it out. Motion by Pat Chambers to follow up, but the motion was not seconded. President has been handling the repeater issue as confirmed by John and will continue working with John in this regard. There is a suggestion for a second antenna and they will follow up on this with Gary N6LRV, who is one of the few individuals who is authorized to access that repeater site. There was a suggestion to set up Echolink, which according to John, would require a link to a site, an antenna, a port or controller, grounded station with good line of sight support, high speed internet, a modem, receivers, and a dedicated system that can be left alone and is not useable accept for this purpose. SANDRA had Echolink on one of their repeaters but it has since been removed. Echolink can take a lot of air time and repeater on air time. If ARCEC does this, John suggests turn power down to ½ to 1/3 to reduce heat and increase the life of the equipment. There was a suggestion to use left over Field Day Food Fund Drive money for repeater equipment, but the club cannot do this. That money must be spent on the picnic as budgeted. Funds must be spent on what they are collected and designated for. So, we will get the repeaters up and going first and then discuss Echolink

again at a later date. The President thanked John for attending our meeting tonight to help clarify the repeater issue.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS by President Paul KC6QLS:

- I. Paul received an email from Monica Zech regarding a volunteer event at St. Madeline Sophie's for July 9, 2010 at 4 - 10 p.m. (volunteers needed 3 – 11 p.m.) If you can help, please contact Norma at (619) 442-5129, ext. 117.
2. 7-10-10 HRO Swap Meet, Set Up 8:00 a.m., Starts 9:00 a.m., SANDARC and ARCEC will have a booth and distribute Convention Fliers and Club Fliers.
3. 10-9-10 is Fire Station 6 Open House here in El Cajon. If you would like to volunteer, contact Paul, KC6QLS.
4. 10-30-10 Borrego Springs Parade.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** by Joseph, KI6TTF. Motion by Mike, N6OPH to approve the Treasurer's Report as read was seconded by Rich, N6NKJ and motion carried. The report will be filed for audit.

The speaker for this evening is Virgil Pattin, K7VP, who spoke and gave a demonstration on "How to Solder". His presentation is also in the Counterpoise.

Break Time - Refreshments in the back – coffee and donuts for all!

After the break the business meeting continued.

**PRESIDENT** Paul, KC6QLS reported that the August Speaker will be Mike, N6OPH regarding the upcoming ARRL Convention in September. He thanked John again for coming out to discuss the repeater issue with us this evening and thanked Virgil for his presentation this evening. We still have the yellow generator that does not work. The Board passed a motion for Mike, KG6TDP to take the generator for evaluation and to see if Mike can repair it. SANDARC Fair Booth went well. Rich, N6NKJ and Mike, KG6TDP did 6 days and did set up and took down the booth. A big thank you to both for all your efforts. Out of 44 fair shifts, only 4 shifts were not covered. Thank you to all volunteers for your support of SANDARC's Fair Booth. Thank you to Anselmo for covering tonight as Social Chair as Polo could not be here this evening. The Borrego Parade is coming up and Len, K5WFW; Mike, KG6TDP and Paul, KC6QLS plan on attending again this year with our Tower Trailer. This is great PR for our club and helps us to let the community know who we are, what we do, and how we can help our community in the time of need. If you would like to attend this event, please let Paul, KC6QLS know. At a past Board Meeting, the Board addressed the Voting



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by Absentee Ballot and the Board voted against it due to cost and time involved. At the past Board Meeting there was a Motion for the ARCEC to obtain and retain local control of the ARCEC Reflector due to misinformation on the reflector, the taking off of a VP post which was an interference by the Reflector Moderator in Illinois with local club business, and the allowance of name calling and in general non civility on the Reflector. The Board asked the President to request that control of the Reflector be returned to the local ARCEC and that if it is not, a new local reflector will be established. Len has a SANDARC matter to bring up in his report. The Counterpoise is done and out. Pat Chambers, W6VJT has been appointed to the ARCEC Board to fill the position vacated by Carl Cookson when he moved back to Texas.

Counterpoise Deadline is July 18, 2010.

**VICE PRESIDENT** Mike, N6OPH reported on Field Day and his report will be in the July Counterpoise. A special thanks to Mike, KG6TDP for his help and support at Field Day; to Nick, the Safety Officer for his efforts at Field Day; and to Anselmo, KD6PRV for taking over as Social Chair. The speaker for August will be Mike, N6OPH regarding the Convention. In September, Gordon West will speak. In October, Gordon Shackelford will speak. Home Brew Contest is in November and elections are in December.

**EDUCATION REPORT** by Mike, N6OPH that the Extra Class starts September 14, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and the instructor is Gordon Shackelford, AE6QW.

**NET MANAGER** Mike, KG6TDP reported that there were 21 on the WAMO net.

**ARRL Section Manager Announcements** by Steve Early, AD6VI regarding:

1. The USS Midway Museum Boy Scouts Event;
2. Tim Higgins, KJ6VNX Merit Badge program and equipment donations;
3. ARES Meeting the second Saturday of the Month at Scripps Memorial Hospital in La Jolla;
4. Train the Trainees Class on 7-9-10, 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on South Orange in El Cajon;
5. 7-7-10 One Day Tech Class; 7-24-10 One Day General Class; 7-31-10 Get on the Air Seminar. For more info, contact Steve, Early AD6VI.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT** Bridget, KI6EEL announced that we had a total of 50 in attendance tonight consisting of 46 members and 4 visitors. Approximately 140 members; the roster is being updated.

**PUBLIC SERVICE CHAIRMAN** Rich, N6NKJ reported that we participated in Red Flag Patrol on July 4, 2010; had a good turn out of volunteers; and there were no reported incidents.

**SANDARC REPORT** by Len Fulbright, K5WFW, our SANDARC Delegate, that there was a motion at the last SANDARC Meeting for SANDARC to spend up to \$1,000.00 for a LCD projector/computer monitor to be used for the upcoming ARRL convention and thereafter the clubs can borrow it. ARCEC needs to vote whether we are for or against this. The ARCEC voted in favor of this motion for SANDARC to spend up to \$1,000.00 and purchase this equipment to be used for the convention and then the clubs would be able to borrow it. Motion by Stogie Panger, KG6JCW for the ARCEC to direct both of our SANDARC Representatives to vote in the affirmative on this issue, seconded by Anselmo, KD6PRV and motion carried. Therefore, both of our SANDARC Delegates were instructed to vote "yes" on this motion at the next SANDARC Meeting.

**ELMER CHAIR** Nick had nothing to report.

**SOCIAL CHAIRMAN** Again, thanks to Anselmo for covering tonight.

**NEW BUSINESS** brought by David Santoro on the issue of alleged "secrecy" and all Board Meetings are open to the membership. He made a recommendation in the form of a Motion to record all Board Business and the motion was seconded by Ruth Pattin. Discussion followed. His goal is to record all at Board Meetings with a digital recorder to be placed on the website so all can listen to the proceedings due to alleged "secrecy" at Board Meetings and alleged inaccuracy of Minutes by the Secretary. The Secretary stated that there is misinformation on the Reflector as the Secretary's Job Description posted on the Reflector on 7-6-10 was incorrect and is not the ARCEC Secretarial Duties as indicated in the ARCEC By Laws and as posted on the ARCEC Website. The present Secretary has been in office since March 2, 2010 after having been appointed to Secretary to replace Mike Maston, N6OPH the then current Secretary, who had been appointed to Vice President to replace the then Vice President, Gary Kuske, who had left his position to go "on the road". The question was asked by the Secretary to the General Membership in attendance that by show of hands how many members, who are not on the Board, have attended a Board Meeting in the past 5 years. Only one individual



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# Membership Report

Ann KC6TBG



Congratulations to all who have upgraded your license!

If you have upgraded your license within the past year, please contact me at [kc6tbg@cox.net](mailto:k6tbg@cox.net) or see me at the meeting so that I can update your information on the ARCEC Roster.

## New Members:

Noel Encarnacion KJ6FDX WAMO #1839  
Daniel Warner KJ6IOB WAMO #1840

## Returning Members:

Raymond Boisvert W1CTM WAMO #1747  
Gerald Madsen KI6PLH WAMO #1801  
Lynne Madsen KI6PLG WAMO #1802

All Members are welcome to participate on all ARCEC weekly Nets. The WAMO Net is an opportunity to meet new members, collect WAMO's and practice your communication skills. Please join us. For more information on the dates and times, see page 6 of this Newsletter.

The 2010 ARCEC Roster is for club use only. However, please do not use this club roster to contact club members at the telephone numbers and addresses listed on the roster for the purpose of working a WAMO. The Rules for working WAMO are listed on the website and must be followed in order to receive WAMO Certificates. Also, copies of the WAMO Rules are available at club meetings.

73, Ann, KC6TBG

### Individual Dues Membership: \$18.00 per year (\$1.50 per month):

January	\$ 18.00	July	\$ 9.00
February	\$ 16.50	August	\$ 7.50
March	\$ 15.00	September	\$ 6.00
April	\$ 13.50	October	\$ 4.50
May	\$ 12.00	November	\$ 3.00
June	\$ 10.50	December	\$ 1.50 *

\*plus \$18.00 for the following year

### Family Dues Membership: \$30.00 per year (\$2.50 per month):

January	\$ 30.00	July	\$ 15.00
February	\$ 27.50	August	\$ 12.50
March	\$ 25.00	September	\$ 10.00
April	\$ 22.50	October	\$ 7.50
May	\$ 20.00	November	\$ 5.00
June	\$ 17.50	December	\$ 2.50 *

\*plus \$30.00 for the following year

Ann, KC6TBG  
Membership Chair



Amateur Radio Convention

September 17, 18 & 19, 2010

San Diego, California

Four Points, By Sheraton Hotel  
San Diego

For up to date information about the Convention, please visit us at the website:  
[www.sandarc.net/](http://www.sandarc.net/)

## From The Vice President N6OPH Mike



As we approach the latter half of the year we need to think about the next for our club. Our immediate concern is the ARRL SW Division Convention which will be held on 17-19 September 2010. SANDARC has a great line up of speakers, exhibitors and fora for everyone. You can still get on the ground floor for the banquet which will feature Chris Imley, the ARRL Chief Counsel. Admission tickets are at a reasonable price of \$18 with kids under 16 free! Check out [www.sandarc.net](http://www.sandarc.net) and then click on convention at the top of the page. The location is the ham radio friendly Sheraton Four Points Hotel on Aero Drive just a short distance from Montgomery Field. In fact our August meeting will be totally devoted to the convention. I will host a discussion of the convention details and answer whatever questions that may rise up about the convention.

This September the club will host Gordon West, WB6NOA. He will discuss Tropo Ducting to Hawaii. You can always count on Gordon for a good show.

Our October meeting will feature our own Gordon. He will be giving a technical program.

During our July meeting, we had a demonstration featuring Virgil, K7VP. He taught everyone how to solder. I would suggest to the club that we feature more of these types of demonstrations of basic amateur skills. Soldering is indeed basic. How many people can read a schematic or recognize an oscillator or detector circuit?

### WA6BGS Nets

Mike Oberbauer:	KG6TDP	Net Manger
Mike Oberbauer:	KG6TDP	Net Controller
Frito	N6WKB	Wide Open Nets Donut Net

#### WAMO NETS:

Wednesday and Saturday Nights

8:00 p.m. local time 7:45 "Early Checkins"

This is an open net and all are invited. Early check-ins will be taken.

#### Donut Net:

Monday, 7:00 p.m.

Bring your Donuts. GOT MILK?

#### Wide Open Ham Net:

Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

#### Frito's Corn Chip Net:

Thursday, 7:00 p.m. on 28.435 Mhz USB

Nets held on Club's WA6BGS Repeaters System

RX 147.420 (146.475) 107.2 PL

RX 224.080 – 107.2 PL

RX 445.900 – 107.2 PL

Don't miss it. All members welcome.

WAMO means Worked All Members Only.

The purpose of WAMO is to encourage people to people communication between club members and to publicize the name of the club among fellow amateurs.

## Calendar of Events

### August 2010

Aug. 3:	Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
Aug. 7:	Swap Meet, Santee Drive In, 6:30 am
Aug. 7:	T-Hunt, Grossmont College lot, 6:00 pm
Aug. 12:	General Meeting, 7:00 pm
Aug. 18:	Counterpoise Dead Line

### Upcoming Event Dates

Sept. 17:	ARRL SW Convention San Diego
Oct. 9:	Fire Station 6 Open House
Oct. 30:	Borrego Springs Parade



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## ARCEC Membership Form

Please print clearly, complete all info and return to Membership Chair with your payment:

Individual Membership \$18.00

Family Membership \$30.00

Counterpoise by MAIL add \$18.00

Counterpoise by Email or Website FREE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class of License: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Family Members and Calls: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Call: \_\_\_\_\_ WAMO #: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Check One:**  New Member     Renewal     Returning Member

\*If you are a returning member, you will keep your original WAMO # \_\_\_\_\_

Check One: I give my permission to publish my info on the Club Roster coming out  Yes  No

If no, state exactly what information you do not want published:

Check all the apply: ARRL Member ARES Member Other \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to be in the Counterpoise Spotlight?  Yes  No

Would you like to be a member of The East County Response Team?  Yes  No

*Mail with payment to: Membership Chair, ARCEC, P.O. Box 50, El Cajon, CA 92022*

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**Computer Roster Available**

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# FUN PAGE

## Birthday

August 4	WA6MHZ	Pat	Bunsold
August 4	KK6NF	Mike	Bailey
August 10	N6SZO	Joe	Corones
August 11	KK6NH	Leslie	Day
August 13	AE6NA	Dave	Barnard
August 14	KG6JCW	Stogie	Panger
August 17	N9EVE	Evelyn	Miller (L)
August 19	KD6VKZ	Ed	Ebbert
August 23	KF6UOZ	Craig	Matheny
Auuugust24	KE6BZD	Ronald	Mahoney
August 26	KM6YF	Tom	Borg
August 29	KF6ROE	Edward	Pyne
August 31	W1CTM	Raymond	Boisvert



## Brain Thinkers

3 = P. of an I.      3 Parts of an Insect Insect

6 = P. in a P.      6 Pigs in a Poke

Movie = B. O. 4 of J. Movie Born on 4<sup>th</sup> of July

----- This Month's -----

4 = M. of the B.

6 = P. in a P. T.

50 = S. in the U.

## Word Search

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## Last Month's Word Search

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## Minutes Continued

present raised his hand that he had in fact been to one Board Meeting in the past. Past President Stogie, KG6JCW explained that Board Minutes are available upon request per the By Laws, but that in all his time as President no one ever asked him to see the Board Minutes. In fact, to the present Secretary's knowledge in her approximate three months of service, only one individual has even asked to see the Board Minutes and questioned the Board. As the Secretary further indicated, allegations of "secrecy" and gossip are not fact. Paul called the question. Virgil Pattin, K7VP called a Point of Order as to the quality of the Motion and asked that the club hear the Motion. Mike Maston, Presiding President, clarified the motion as "Shall the club buy a recording device to be utilized at the Board of Director's Meetings for anyone who wants to listen to it?" By show of hands 6 voted for, 13 voted against = a total of 19 votes and 6 abstained (for a total of 25 present for the vote) so per the Presiding President the vote did not pass. David Santoro then raised another Motion for Absentee Voting, seconded by Virgil Pattin, K7VP. A discussion followed. It was pointed out that the Board already addressed this issue at the April Board Meeting and voted against it due to the cost and time involved. Nonetheless, the motion will be submitted to the Board for consideration. The Presiding President, Mike Maston, thanked all for staying. David Santoro then stood up and made a Motion to submit a ten page proposal on Absentee Voting to the Board of Directors at their next scheduled Board Meeting; seconded by Joseph. A discussion followed. The vote by show of hands was 14 for, 9 against and 1 abstained (for a total of 24 people now voting) so per the Presiding President the motion passed and the proposal will be submitted to the Board of Directors for consideration. Joseph, then stood up and said he makes a Motion that the Board Meeting Minutes are made available no later than 2 weeks after the Board Meeting in PDF format on the website and that a printed copy is available at the General Membership Meeting, seconded by Virgil Pattin, K7VP. A discussion followed. It was pointed out that this motion is in violation of the ARCEC By Laws as there is no language included therein to this effect and that this motion would require a By Laws change. Nonetheless, a vote by show of hands was 15 for, 7 against, 1 abstained (for a total of 23 people now voting) and the motion passed per the Presiding President Mike Maston.

The Secretary expressed her frustration at the membership in attendance blatant disregard of ARCEC By Laws, Rules and Policies and further expressed her desire to resign due to the present voting members basing their decisions on gossip and alleged "secrecy" and basing their decisions on incorrect Secretarial Job Duties placed on the reflector by individual(s) expressing their personal opinions as if they are true on the reflector. Further, the Secretary indicated that she is a volunteer and has acted in the capacity of Secretary for approximately 3 months, since March 2, 2010, and agreed to the job duties as indicated in the ARCEC By Laws and posted on the ARCEC website, not to do the approximate 3 page Secretarial duties posted by individual(s) on the Reflector that are not the job duties indicated in the ARCEC By Laws and posted on the website. The Secretarial Job Duties posted on the reflector are in error and have led the membership in attendance tonight to make decisions based on allegations of wrongdoing when in fact no wrong doing has occurred. In the opinion of the Secretary, this is absolutely unacceptable on the part of those who posted misinformation on the website and who have, and are, as a result of the incorrect postings on the reflector, interfering with the ARCEC leadership and the membership. Further, it is the Secretary's belief that the Reflector is not intended for posting incorrect, misinformation and personal opinions that are not true and are different from what is stated in the ARCEC By Laws and what is posted on the ARCEC website. For the foregoing reasons, the Secretary expressed a desire to resign.

There being no further business before the General Membership, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Ann Rios, KC6TBG  
Secretary



**The Editor's  
Corner  
KC6QLS Paul**



**Editor's Corner**

Thanks to all who sent Field Day photos in. I missed going up the hill, and it was almost like I was there looking at all the photos. I got a few comments about "The Lighter Side of Hamming", which were in the positive light, and they liked the stories with an Amateur Radio twist. If you have an idea for a story, please send it to me, and I will forward it to Les Volta. One of the stories is going to be on the ARRL On Line News Letter.

Lastly, you might have noticed that the Counterpoise is a little thinner than in the past few months. Some of the Columnists are on vacation, packing for a trip, or just MIA and missed the deadline. I hope to the next issue will be back up to speed.

73 Paul Rios, KC6QLS  
Editor

**Public Relations**

As I stated in the last column, due to the negative PR on the now un-official reflector, it has set us back not just a few steps but a whole block. If the few would just stop undermining the Club's standing in the community, we can start the mending process and start moving forward again. As a club member pointed out, another organization was attacked in a similar fashion to this one, and they are all but gone. Is this what you want? I do not believe this is so. As I stated at the club meeting, we have a strong leadership team and united we stand, divided we fall. Let's bring back that camaraderie and put the FUN back into Amateur Radio.

73 Paul Rios, KC6QLS  
Public Relations

# **Volunteers Needed**

**Up Coming Events**  
See Club's Calendar on Page 4

## **E-Mail**

Address for the Counterpose. Please submit all *Counterpose* Mail to:  
**WA6BGScounterpoise@cox.net**

## **Prize Table Needs Help**

Thank you for your contributions to the Prize Table! We still need your Support and Help or it may just end up a thing of the past. Please contact: Floyd Lang AF6BC at 303-6711.

## **Things to keep in mind**

*Get on the El Cajon ARC Reflector  
To sign up visit:*

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/elcajonarc/>  
You will get the latest news about The Club and things going on in the Ham world.

## **Quote of the Month**

"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success."

- Henry Ford

### **Food for Thought**

The most devastating force in the world is gossip.

**Lisie KI6EEK**

<http://www.jokesclean.com/OneLiner/>

## From the Files Long Ago

### Counterpoise February 1986

Here's a true story of one of the best telegraphers of his day, Thomas Edison, as he arrived in Boston in search of a job (from Edison, by Matthew Josephson):

"I had been four days and nights on the road, and having had very little sleep, did not present a very fresh or stylish appearance, especially as compared to the operators of the East, who were far more dressy than their brethren of the West. My peculiar appearance caused much mirth."

The truth was that Edison had a will to be "different." With his wide-brimmed hat, his long hair and baggy clothes, and a plug of tobacco in his jaw, he looked in fact like a real jay from the wooly West. George Milliken, the manager, however, was a man of discernment. On being shown a letter in Edison's neat manuscript writing and receiving assurance that the youth could take press copy in this fashion for hours on end, and at breakneck speed, he was impressed. After a five-minute interview he hired Edison, proposing that he begin work at 5:30 p.m. that same day.

His fellow workers thought to initiate the ragged stranger from Michigan by "putting up a job" on him. It was arranged that he should be

assigned to the Number 1 New York wire to receive voluminous press copy for the Boston Herald, without making it known to him that he would be expected to keep pace with one of the fastest senders in New York. Edison suspected that something was afoot from the way the Boston operators stood by, looking over his shoulder, "their faces shining with fun and excitement." The New York operator began slowly, then ran on at top speed, while Edison not only kept pace with him, but sometimes, with studied deliberation, paused to sharpen a pencil, letting the sounder run on. Then the sender began to slur his words, sticking the signals, but Edison was used to this style. Finally, as he told the story, he felt that the fun had gone far enough and, opening the key, he made a telegraphic aside: "Say, young man, change off and send with the other foot." That "broke up" the New York man, and, in disgust, he turned his instrument over to someone else.

Editor of the Counterpoise  
February 1986  
Richard KG6ZL



# *Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon*

## *Field Day Report*

The Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon held its Field Day operation at the Al Bahr Shrine Camp located just off of Sunrise Highway in the Mount Laguna region of San Diego County. The site is located approximately 6500 feet facing east towards the immediate desert region of San Diego County. The actual exercise commenced at 1100hrs hours on Saturday 26 June and concluded at 1100hrs on Sunday 27 June 2010 local time.

### **BACKGROUND**

This year's Field Day event was different in many ways from 2009. First the Field Day Chairman and Club Vice President was different from 2009. In fact there were a great many personnel changes for the 2010 exercise due to the recent resignations of the duly elected vice president and a change in leadership for the galley crew as well. This precipitated some new tensions that were never encountered in the previous years. However, having said that field day 2010 was a successful event in its own right. Some of the new personalities were:

Michael Maston, N6OPH Vice President and Field Day Chairman for 2010 who took over from Gary Kuske, W6GRK who resigned in February 2010; Nick Prodnanovich, AD6UK as the Safety Officer effective after February 2010; Polo Navarro (No call yet) as the Social Chairman. There was also a management change at the Al Bahr Shrine Camp for 2010.

### **NARRATIVE**

In preparation of Field Day a Pre-Field Day "antenna party" was held in mid June. The purpose of this exercise was to prepare the club's antennae for assembly at the field day site on 25 June. This party consisted of adjusting the lengths of each of the elements of the beam antennae for an optimal VSWR reading for each of the bands in which the antennae would be utilized. The antennae were assembled, tuned and marked for easy assembly at the Field Day site. Also within the same week end some members of the club were trained and certified in the use of operation of the club's antenna tower trailer. There were 25 in attendance at this event which

greatly increased the pool of trained operators. The normal plan for Field Day is to meet the set up crew at the Ranch House Restaurant in Lakeside at around 0800. After eating breakfast all would assemble at the club's equipment shed also in Lakeside to gather up all of the equipment, antennae and towers that would be used for this year's Field Day. Mike, N6OPH met all of set up crew members at the shed as planned. The equipment was loaded into the various trucks assembled for the job. However, there was a change in the leadership of the galley crew and Mike, N6OPH was obligated to bring all of the food as well as his own equipment to the site. Since Mike, N6OPH for this purpose it was determined that he could not carry all of the foodstuff and his equipment at the same time. So therefore some of the cases of soda had to be off loaded from his vehicle and transferred to some of the other trucks that still had room for it. This necessitated his return to his residence to collect his personal radio equipment and head up to the mountain. In so doing Mike, N6OPH did not arrive at the camp site until after 1100hrs at which time some of the antenna towers were already placed and in construction. There was some difficulty in erecting one of the antennae due to the proximity to the trees. The wood pile that was on the concrete slab in the previous years had been removed so it was much easier to place the club's antenna tower trailer for erection. However, it had to be moved slightly as it too would impact the trees close by. The tower trailer crew operated the tower trailer as trained and there were no safety issues during the three days of our occupation of the camp site. In the previous years the club would use its own generator to operate the radio stations during field day. This year however was an exception. As part of the field day preparation Mike, N6OPH and Steve, KO4QT attempted to test the generator in March. Part of the testing process consisted of putting a load onto the generator and measuring the output. However, this year the generator was only able to muster 4.5 volts well below the threshold needed to operate eight or nine radios. It was taken to a repair shop and the return information from the repair shop was that it needed a new

# *Field Day Report Continued*

armature at a cost of \$750! It was decided by the club leadership to dispose of the generator at a later date. Instead, the tower trailer generator would be used as the generator for this years exercise. This required the crafting of a new cable to connect to the generator and distribution to the radios. This was done by Joseph, KI6TTF and his son. This solved our power problem for field day and there were no electrical problems during the course of the exercise.

The club president attends Field Day and is involved many of the necessary leadership decisions required during the course of field day. However, due to illness, Paul, KC6QLS was unable to attend. This left all of the supervisory and operational details to Mike, N6OPH. One of those details was to invite the local fire station personnel to dinner on Saturday. Last year when they arrived they gave a complete demonstration as to the capabilities and equipment on board their fire engine. This year although they were invited, they never arrived.

The biggest change however was in the makeup and leadership of the galley crew. These are the people for feeding all of those who attended. Last year on Saturday we had at least 125 for dinner. Dinner consisted of steaks, salad, chips, drinks and dessert. This year we only had approximately 46 for dinner. While steaks were available for those who wanted them, carne asada beef, beans and rice were the order of the day. There was macaroni and cheese for the kids. The Saturday meal was well received by those in attendance. The food chairman was Anselmo, KD6PRV who took over the entire operation on 18 June! Our attendance did not match that of 2009 not exceeding 35 except for Saturday.

Propagation was very poor this year. The 40 meter band which would garner approximately 400 contacts at the conclusion of field day only came up with only about 223 this year. Ten, twenty, fifteen and six meters were no better. This year we operated as a six-alpha station.

All of the station operators, the set up and tear down crews and the galley crew were seasoned volunteers who attend this event every year and

always ready to help the club no matter the circumstances. While this narrative enunciated a few minor glitches and changes that occurred this year this was a typical Big Green Spider operation from beginning to end. It is this kind of dedication and service to the club and amateur radio that makes me proud to have been my first stint as a field day chairman and club vice president. You did everything and I was just there for some direction. Not much was needed it turned out. Outstanding job was done by all.

## OBSERVATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

The Field Day planning is only as good as the vice president's capabilities. The Field Day Chairman relies on the help of the staff appointed by him (her). This year's Field Day Chairman was new to the job but hardly inexperienced as he has attended ten or more years of Field Days and has had many opportunities to observe the work of others. Most of the people involved in the entire operation know their jobs with little or no supervision required. This in turn makes the Field Day Chairman's job much easier. The only real problem this year was that a change was required for the galley crew. There are many factors associated with the necessity of this change that are best not discussed in this report. But one of the great concerns was the viability of the food service that really wasn't solved until after the 18<sup>th</sup> of June. The food planning takes almost as long as the Field Day event itself. Once the need for change is identified it needs to be made much sooner than two weeks before the event.

Most people judge field day under two criteria: The number and quality of contacts on the air and the food. For most club projects and activities we suffer a paucity of volunteers. This is not so for Field Day although most people would rather be on the air than cooking. The 2011 Field Day Chairman will be determined by the December election of officers as the Vice President is also the Field Day Chairman. Whoever is elected needs to start his (her) planning in January 2011 and not in March or April. I as Field Day Chairman had the benefit of documentation provided by the 2009 Field Day Chairman Steve,



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## *From The Vice-President Continued*

Do you know how to cut an antenna for a certain wavelength when you don't have a store bought or readymade antenna? Even though we now have radios that are essentially computers they still work on the same principles that we old timers learned many years ago. If you would like to give a talk or demonstration on some of these skills, please let me know. My contact information is listed elsewhere in this Counterpoise.

The October meeting is when we actively start to think about next year. That is when the club elects a nominations committee. This is a very simple job. All that you do is make telephone calls to other club members and ascertain which office that they would like to run for. This is a good way to give back to our club. We can always use fresh ideas and talent. All of the club offices would be open for election. Should you not know what the officers do, then glance at our By Laws elsewhere on the club's web site and check out the requirements. Being an officer or board member does require some commitment and time from your otherwise active lives. However, it is well worth it! If the nominations committee somehow forgets to call you, get someone to nominate you on the floor in November. While you wait for your name to appear in nomination, bring your Home Brew Project with you and enter it in the club's Annual Home Brew Contest. This is where the real talent shines.

We round out the year with the elections in December and the glorious Christmas Party. Here we can recognize

the past year's talent and welcome the new people into our fold. It's a great way to end the year and start the New Year. Come and join us!!

Michael Maston, N6OPH  
Vice President  
Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon

## **Yes, Even More Field Day Report**

KO4QT. Each successive chairman needs to utilize this source and amplify on it. Field Day staff needs to be appointed early and be in place by the beginning of the year so that they know their jobs and able to start their planning immediately. Problems such as generator and other necessary equipment need to be addressed as soon as discovered and rectified.

Most sincerely,

Michael P. Maston, N6OPH  
Vice President  
Field Day Chairman  
Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon

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## **NEW WAMO E-MAIL ADDRESS**

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# Lighter Side Of Hamming

## The Air Show

As we packed up the car and headed off to the air show, I had no idea the past was going to find me. We drove to the air show and found a parking spot right up front. For the past few years, we had a hard time finding a spot and had to wait for someone to leave. Even the traffic seemed to be light. It was if we were all meant to go to the air show. This was my granddaughter's second air show; she really loved the last one. She likes to see all the old air planes and they even had a few old cars too. I can remember taking her mother to air shows and seeing the enthusiasm in her eyes, and I now see that sparkle in my granddaughter's eyes.

After a few hours of looking at some of the old cars and aircraft, we turned on to the last row of aircraft on the tarmac and there was the same aircraft I used to pilot, a PB4Y-2, and all the memories hit me. My granddaughter looked at me and I asked "Grandpa, why are your eyes leaking?" I replied, "This is the kind of aircraft I used to fly in during the war and it just brings back bitter sweet memories. No sooner than I said that than this guy jumped out of an airplane and started talking to us about the history of the aircraft. The gentleman got about three sentences in about the history of the aircraft. The tone of his voice and his mannerism sounded very familiar. I asked him if he was Lieutenant Rivers. He stopped and looked at me and said "oh my. Are you Captain Volta?" And I replied "yes!" Then my granddaughter asked "Grandpa, why are his eyes leaking too?" I answered "we share the same common feelings of the fun and sadness we have attached to this aircraft."



He walked us around the aircraft telling my granddaughter all kinds of facts about this particular plane. She asked, "Can I sit in the driver's seat?" and he said "yes, let's go inside and you can sit in the pilot's seat." As we walked into the aircraft, even more buried emotions came forward. I have not stepped into a PB4Y-2 since I retired from the Navy. I remember working the radios on board this aircraft, which led me into becoming an Amateur Radio Operator. Some of the radio traffic that I had dumped from my memory banks started to flow to my ears again. It's funny how things that happened so long ago can replay in your mind years later. I asked Lieutenant Rivers do you remember the USS Indianapolis CA-35 towards the end of the war. Those guys were out there for four days with no food and water in shark infested waters and we were part of the rescue team. He replied, "Yes" and put his head down and asked for a moment of silence.



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## Even More!!! Lighter Side of Hamming

The Lieutenant talked about all of the gages, dials, levers and switches and how you steer the aircraft. I placed her in the pilot's seat and they proceeded to pretend like they were taking off and going for a flight. This was her first experience as a "pilot" and the Lieutenant "checked her off" and said that she would make a good pilot. He told her any landing that you walk away from is a good landing. The Lieutenant turned around and asked me if I had ever gotten my Amateur Radio License because that was one thing that we used to talk about while we were both in the service. He told me he got his license about 15 years after he got out and was hoping to make contact with me someday. I said, "I got my ticket a year after I retired and have been doing the same, hoping to make contact with friends and old buddies that I used to serve with. We exchanged call signs and planned dates, times and frequencies to make contact in the near future.

So if you happen to be dialing around on an HF band and sometimes hear a few old guys talking about stories of flying in the Pacific Theater in the PB4Y-2, it might be us. In my shack above my HF radio, to this day, I still have a picture of my granddaughter in the pilot seat flying that airplane and having fun.

73's  
Les Volta

## Meeting Photos



## Some Radio Active Photos





## From the Desk of Monica Zech PIO City of El Cajon

### Funny Car Frenzy at the Cajon Classic Cruise July 28th

It's "Funny Car Frenzy" at the next Cajon Classic Cruise on Wednesday, July 28th in downtown El Cajon. Admission is free to the public for the Cajon Classic Cruise on East Main Street, just east of the Main and Magnolia intersection. Enjoy the cars, the action, restaurants, street vendors, food, and live entertainment. Car shows are presented by Sycuan Casino and the El Cajon Community Development Corporation. Enjoy new attractions each week, including awards for the top cars, parades, special salutes, and variety themed events, such as National Night Out on August 4th. Don't miss a single week! The Prescott Promenade is undergoing exciting renovations this summer, so the awards presentation will take place near East Main Street and Magnolia Avenue near the announcer's booth in front of the Prescott Promenade until the park reopens. For more information on the Cajon Classic Cruise call the El Cajon CDC at (619) 401-8858, or visit them online at [www.downtownelcajon.com](http://www.downtownelcajon.com).

### Concerts On The Green With Bill Magee!

The 15th Annual Concerts on the Green continues this Friday with Bill Magee playing Blues music on July 23rd. Concerts are from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday evenings, now through September 3rd. Don't forget, the temporary location for Concerts on the Green is the outdoor amphitheater at the East County Performing Arts Center pending completion of the renovation of the Prescott Promenade. You may want to bring a cushion for the amphitheater seating, or something to sit on outside the amphitheater area. You can bring a picnic or enjoy dinner at one of several fine restaurants on Main Street in Downtown El Cajon. These free concerts are presented by the El Cajon Community Development Corporation (CDC) and Sycuan Casino. For a full list of the concert schedule visit [www.downtownelcajon.com](http://www.downtownelcajon.com) or call the El Cajon CDC at (619) 401-8858.

### Cool Zone Information – Stay Cool & Hydrated!

It's summer and, as usual, hot temperatures are expected here in the East County. For the 10th year, San Diego County has announced their Cool Zone program. Their website contains a list of locations throughout the County where you can go to stay cool – and save on energy costs at home. For a list of Cool Zone locations, call (800) 510-2020 or visit [sandiego.networkofcare.org/aging](http://sandiego.networkofcare.org/aging) and click on the "cool zone" logo. As an added treat, you can call the same number for information on free fans in the county. In partnership with San Diego Gas & Electric Co., free electric fans are being given to low-income, homebound seniors and people with disabilities who can't make it to the cool zones.

Summer reminders: During hot weather conditions drink plenty of water, and stay away from drinks that contain caffeine and alcohol since they dehydrate the body. Make sure your pets have cool shade areas to escape the heat and that they have plenty of water. And NEVER leave your children/babies, the elderly or your pets in your car - not even for a second when running errands. The results can be life threatening.

### Report A Concern

The public can report a concern online on the City's website. To report graffiti, noise, potholes, weeds, or storm water violations, you can go to [www.ci.el-cajon.ca.us](http://www.ci.el-cajon.ca.us) and click on REPORT A CONCERN. You can also call City Hall with your concern at (619) 441-1716.

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# Amateur Radio At Large

From Rich N6NKJ



To all of our club members,

At our last club meeting, I overheard a member say "The Board should not be keeping secrets from the club members." As a long time member of this clubs Board of Directors, I can tell you that your Board HAS NEVER, EVER, KEPT ANYTHING SECRET FROM YOU! If someone lets the Board know that he or she is very ill and may not live, and asks us not to tell the membership, do we say to that person "We are sorry, but we HAVE TO TELL the membership, WE are NOT ALLOWED TO KEEP SECRETS?"

I have asked almost every Board member, and they too, can not remember keeping anything secret. The only item I can remember keeping from you, for a short time, was the Tower Trailer. And this was done so our club could get it. There are charges and counter charges flying back and forth which threaten the very existence of our club if this turmoil does not come to an end soon. It will be up to YOUR Board, then you, the club members, to resolve this mess, and end it very soon or our club WILL NOT BE AROUND TO CELEBRATE its 51st Anniversary.

Your Board will need to make some tough decisions in a very short time. All of us who serve on the Board have tried to do what is best for the club no matter what, and we will always do so. Do we make mistakes? YES, we are human. Our club is not a big corporation listed on the New York Stock exchange, but with the demands from this person or the demands from another person, I feel like I should start wearing a suit, dress shirt, tie, and dress shoes and bring along a bunch of high priced lawyers to the Board Meetings to make sure every t is crossed and every i is dotted.

Every year, presidents past and present, have before or after the elections, asked the membership to fill the various jobs the club needs filled for it to function, and every year, people just sit on their hands; and it is no different for the past four years. So since no one is willing to

step up and do the jobs needed to be done, the Rios family has had to step in and do them. And now I hear people grumbling about how the Rios family has "taken over the club." WHAT A BUNCH OFBULL..... If they had not, WHO WOULD HAVE DONE WHAT was needed to be done?

So next time this president OR any other president ASKS for help, VOLUNTEER; SIMPLE. If this seems as an endorsement of the Rios family then so be it, I am just pointing out the facts folks, just the facts. THIS IS YOUR CLUB, if it is to survive, then it will take the efforts of your Board and you, the members to fix what is wrong with it.

It was not my intention to stir the pot any more than it has been, but it is my hope that we can find a solution to the problems confronting our club. This strife is tearing at the very fabric of our club. I just hope it is strong enough to withstand hurricane buffeting it. We need cool heads, not more strife, turmoil, or conflict, to bring stability back to the club.

Let us not forget our brave men and women of our U.S. military, who at this moment are in harms way; and let us remember their families as well.

Until next time,  
Keep on smiling,  
Rich

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## Extra Class Schedule

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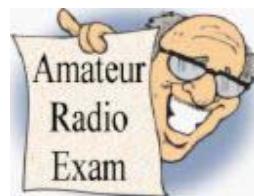
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**VEC Testing Sites**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Saturday:</b>	El Cajon 10:00 am First Lutheran Church of EC 867 South Lincoln Ave.
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday:</b>	Carlsbad 9:30 am Carlsbad Safety Center Orion Way Carlsbad
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday:</b>	North Park 10:00 am North Park Recreation Center 4044 Idaho Street San Diego
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Saturday:</b>	Chula Vista 8:30 am Fire Station #7 1640 Santa Venetia Chula Vista
<b>5<sup>th</sup> or last Saturday:</b>	Escondido 9:00 am LDS Church 1917 East Washington St.

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